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Three Indicted on Money Laundering Charges

Memphis, TN- Terrell L. Harris, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee announces today the unsealing of an indictment filed Thursday, May 2, 2002. The 22 count indictment charges Alandas McGraw, an officer with the Memphis Police Department Vice Narcotics Unit, Victor Bowen, and Barbara Patrick of Memphis with mail fraud, theft, money laundering and conspiracy to embezzle funds and assets seized during criminal investigations between August 2001 and March 2002. According to the indictment, McGraw, the Forfeiture and Settlement Officer of the Vice Narcotics Unit, recruited Bowen and Patrick to fraudulently claim seized forfeitures in excess of \$135,000. In the indictment it is also noted that after having received the money, the three named defendants would divide the proceeds among themselves. Some of the money was used to pay off a car loan, on a 1997 Ford Expedition, through the City of Memphis Credit Union. The government is seeking forfeiture of the embezzled funds in excess of \$135,000 as well as the contents of the bank account used and the Ford Expedition from McGraw. The penalties for each of the charges range from a maximum of 5 years in prison to a maximum of 10 years in prison and each carry a \$250,000 fine.

This case is being investigated by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Vice Narcotics Unit of the Memphis Police Department. Assistant United States Attorney Stuart Canale is handling the case for the government.

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